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ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

For almost two years GGAS has been fighting the Port of Oakland in the lawcourts to protect wetlands from further destruction. It has been a frustrating and complicated process, one that has involved time, energy, and expense, yet one that, we trust, will be successful. All the while, doubts remain: just what exactly are we doing? how dare we challenge the mighty port in a David-Goliath-like stand-off? what are our chances? To answer some of our questions and to inform us of the intricacies of environmental law, one of the Bay Area's prominent lawyers in this field, Clem Shute, has agreed to address our membership on Thursday, May 12, at 7:30, at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda in Berkeley.

Clem Shute has the requisite experience to discuss these issues. He practiced law with the California Attorney General from 1965 to 1980, during which time he was in charge of the state's environmental program, enforcing EIR and general plan requirements. At the same time he was counsel to the S.F. Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC). Key cases that Clem was involved in at that time include the prevention of clear-cutting in areas adjacent to Redwood National Park and the cessation of boron mining in Death Valley National Monument. Since 1980 Clem has been in private practice, specializing in land use and environmental law, endeavoring to help public interest environmental groups such as the Save S.F. Bay Association, the League to Save Lake Tahoe, and Audubon.

In his talk to us, Clem will discuss the development of environmental law from its inception in the mid-60's up to now, the current attitudes of the courts toward environmental problems, and the role of public interest groups in environmental litigation. He will also deal with the direction environmental law is headed and with the solutions to environmental problems that such litigation can promote.

Bring your questions, your interest and attention, to our meeting and be rewarded.

TOM WHITE, PROGRAM COMMITTEE

ANNUAL MEETING SUNSET BY THE BAY

GGAS invites all its members to our annual get-together on Friday, June 17, from 7 to 9. Join us for a spectacular sunset celebration (fog willing) at the

Lyford House at the Richardson Bay Audubon Center and Sanctuary, 376 Greenwood Beach Rd. in Tiburon. Once there, you will be treated to an array of delectable cheeses and hors d'oeuvres, plus a selection of beverages, ranging from wine to juices to sparkling waters. Live music will waft through the air as you circulate about the grounds, meeting your fellow members. Discuss the latest conservation issues, exchange tidbits of gossip, introduce yourself to the chapter's officers and to famous birders in attendance, but above all, have fun. Our annual conservation awards will be given to deserving parties. Before you leave, reward yourself with a selection from our dessert table. All are encouraged to attend. A modest charge of \$7.50 is asked, a sum that will cover our expenses and benefit the Richardson Bay Center and Audubon Canyon Ranch.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN **WILL ANY OF US SURVIVE?**

This world is getting to be a very scary place! We have all heard of the terrifying news about our ozone layer. Its disappearing. Secretary of Interior Hodel's joke about let them use sunscreen and hats is proving to be no joke at all. Increased cancer rates for humans. And now scientists are predicting dire impacts on the smaller food chain organisms and even our larger wildlife.

At the recent National Audubon Western Regional Conference, held at Asilomar, Pete Myers, our Vice-

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FIELD TRIP CALENDAR

Saturday, May 7—Wildcat Canyon Regional Park. See April *Gull* for details.

Wednesday, May 11—Mini-trip to Briones Regional Park. See April *Gull* for details.

Saturday, May 14—Mt. St. Helena. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the junction of Ida Clayton Rd. and Hwy. 128, 6.3 miles north of Calistoga. Bring lunch and liquids. Carpool if at all possible because parking is very limited and we must caravan to bird the road. Call Russ Wilson (524-2399) and leave your name and phone number if you plan to go on this trip. Leader: Dick Johnson (530-7118). (✓)

Sunday, May 15—Beginners' Trip to Mountain Lake, San Francisco. Meet at the parking lot at the Army Defense Language School (the old public health hospital) just north of Lake St. on 15th Ave. at, 8:00 a.m. We will walk about one and one-half miles on level ground looking for common water and land birds. Bring binoculars and a field guide if you have them. Leader: Janet Murphy (751-0917).

Friday-Sunday, June 3-5—Birding by ear in Yosemite. The lower and middle elevations of Yosemite National Park are alive with singing birds in early June. A variety of habitats support a rich diversity of birdlife typically including seven flycatchers (four Empidonax), three vireos, seven warblers, and many other species in full song and breeding plumage.

Meet at the Big Oak Flat Entrance Station parking lot Friday, June 3 at

3:00 p.m. and Saturday, June 4 at 7:00 a.m. (If you arrive later Saturday morning, meet the group in Hogdon Meadow behind the Hogdon Meadow Group Campsites.) The meeting place is the large parking lot 100 yards inside the park entrance on Hwy. 120.

Nearby campgrounds include Hogdon Meadow (res. required) and Crane Flat in the Park, Carlon and Middle Fork (primitive Forest Service) on the road to Hetch Hetchy, and Sweetwater on Hwy. 120. Lodging on Hwy. 120 includes Yosemite Gatehouse (209/379-2260), Evergreen Lodge (209/379-2606) Lee's Middle Fork (209/962-7408, and Buck Meadows Lodge (209/962-6366). The meeting place is 30 miles from Yosemite Valley.

Bring warm clothes, raingear, rubber boots (wet meadows), be prepared to pack a lunch and walk about six miles. Leader: Dave Cornman (825-2106). \$ (✓).

Saturday/Sunday, June 11-12—Mono Basin. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at Mono County Park 5 miles north of Lee Vining and just east of Hwy. 395. To get to Mono Basin take Hwy. 120 over Tioga Pass to the town of Lee Vining and proceed north to the meeting place. An alternate route is around Lake Tahoe to Hwy. 395 and then south to Mono County Park. We will spend Saturday birding the north side of the lake looking for common residents in the cottonwoods around the park, and the juniper/sage habitat north and east of the lake as well as the lake edge itself.

On Sunday we will meet at South Tufa at 8:00 a.m. Take Hwy. 395 south from Lee Vining to Hwy. 120, turn east and proceed to the entrance of South Tufa State Reserve. We will meet in the parking lot. We will bird this area and the Jeffrey Pine forest south and east of here looking for Grey Flycatchers, Gnatcatchers and other Mono Basin specialties.

Be prepared for hot bright sun and/or cold wind and rain. The elevation of the basin is 6400 ft. and the temperature may drop at night. Bring lunches for both days and be prepared to hike.

Forest Service campgrounds are available southwest of Lee Vining in Lee Vining Canyon, and north of town up Lundy Canyon. Motels in Lee Vining include: Best Western Lakeview Motel (619/647-6543), Gateway Motel (619/647-6467) and Murphey's Motel (619/647-6316). Leaders: Helen and Paul Green (526-5943).

Wednesday, June 8—Mini-trip to Redwood Regional Park. Meet at the park at 9:30 a.m. Take the Warren Freeway, turn left onto Redwood Rd. and proceed about three miles to Redwood Gate, southern entrance to the park. Leave the cars at the small parking lot just inside parking lot on left. Bring lunch. We should see Black-headed Grosbeak, Swainson's Thrush, Northern Oriole, Solitary, Hutton's and Warbling Vireos. Leaders: Anna Wilcox (351-9301) and Jean-Marie Spoelman.

Carpooling arrangements will be attempted for trips marked (✓). Call Russ Wilson (524-2399).

Trips marked with \$ go to parks or other sites which require an entrance fee.

—FIELD TRIPS COMMITTEE

THANKS

We wish to extend thanks to all the volunteers who came to *The San Francisco Chronicle* Great Outdoors Adventure Fair to spend time in Audubon's booth. And a special thanks to Professional Color of San Francisco who donated four color photomurals of wetland scenes for our use at the Fair and to Mary Keitelman who engineered this exchange.

OBSERVATIONS

February 24 through March 28

Continued high pressure systems off the coast provided balmy spring birding weather for the second straight month but hinted at impending drought conditions. A few rarities lingered, while spring passerines began to arrive.

News from The Farallones

Winter research on SE Farallon included censusing Common Murres to monitor attendance at their colonies, and looking for colormarked birds to track sex-specific patterns. Murres were present at their colonies less frequently this winter than last. Other winter highlights were up to four Peregrine Falcons doing aerial displays, an immature Bald Eagle which regularly scared up the Western Gulls, and a Great Blue Heron which perished in a fierce storm in mid-January. (Our thanks to Point Reyes Bird Observatory for all SE Farallon Island information.)

Waterbirds

Single Laysan Albatrosses were seen at Cordell Bank Feb. 28 (DAH, AME, SJ), and March 15 (GMF). Northern Fulmars were found on three pelagic trips during the period: four to five at the Cordell Bank Feb. 28, and out of Monterey thirteen on March 17, and one on March 22 (all SJ). A *Pterodroma* species, believed to be either **Murphy's** or **Solander's Petrel** was seen from a research ship at the Cordell Bank March 15 (GMF). One Flesh-footed Shearwater was spotted on the March 22 Monterey pelagic trip (SJ), and another was reported from Princeton Harbor March 27 (ToJ).

Five Cattle Egret were found in west Livermore Feb. 28 (JM). The **Emperor Goose** remained at Elsie Roemer Sanctuary in Alameda at least through March 28 (WG, mob, DC). Migrating Brant were noted as follows: forty-five out of Monterey March 17 (SJ), ninety at Bodega Bay March 24 (GFi), and

some at Princeton Harbor March 27 (ToJ). The Eurasian form of the Green-winged Teal at Hayward Regional Shoreline remained to March 2 (RJR, ED). Five additional Eurasian Wigeons were found during the period (mob), one still being present at Redwood Shores Park to March 27 (RSTh). The Harlequin Duck at Rodeo Lagoon was still present through March 26 (GHg, JM), and the Bolinas Lagoon Harlequin was last reported March 12 (KSe, MBG). Three Oldsquaws continued to be seen during the month: one west of Vallejo near the Skaggs Island Road/Highway 37 intersection to March 24 (KG, mob, GFi), another near the Hyde Street Pier in San Francisco through March 20 (CK, mob, GM), and the third at Princeton Harbor through March 27 (BGh, ToJ).

Booming Blue Grouse were heard near the west end of King Ridge Road in Sonoma County March 6–27 (SSc). Eight to ten Lesser Golden-Plover remained in the vicinity of Lawson Landing through the period (RH_a), one was seen at the Lodi Sewage Ponds March 6 (DGY), and four were seen at Pigeon Point March 8 (JR). Twenty-four Mountain Plover were seen from Little Panoche Road Feb. 27 (TAC). Four Surfbirds at Point Pinole March 7 (LES) were unusual in winter inside the Bay. A Baird's Sandpiper was found at Redwood Shoreline sewage facilities March 26 (RSTh). A Rock Sandpiper was seen at Bodega Head Feb. 28 (RS, fide DAH, AME, SJ). This location had been a regular wintering spot for Rock Sandpiper for at least 17 years, but it had gone unreported there for the last three winters. The Rock Sandpiper at Princeton Harbor jetty continued to be seen through March 27 (AME). A Ruff was found near the parking lot at Merced National Wildlife Refuge March 17 (TP).

Pomarine Jaegers were found on pelagic trips out of Monterey: two March 17 and six March 22 (SJ). The

Little Gull at Stockton Sewage Ponds was still present March 25 (DGY). Modesto sewage ponds had an immature Glaucous Gull March 6-13, with an adult Glaucous Gull also present on March 13 (HMR). An immature Glaucous Gull was seen at Moss Landing Harbor March 17 (SM). Two Xantus' Murrelets were three miles off Pt. Lobos March 17 (SJ).

Landbirds

A Northern Saw-whet Owl was in the trees in front of the Visitor's Center at Coyote Hills Regional Park March 6 (SD), where two had wintered in 1982. Twenty-nine Lewis' Woodpeckers were found in San Antonio Valley March 13 (DSg). The immature Yellow-bellied Sapsucker at the Cheese Factory west of Petaluma was joined by an adult Feb. 28 (CLF). The immature continued to be seen at least through March 13 (CLO). The **Eastern Phoebe** at the Faith Ranch #2 in Stanislaus Co. was last noted March 13 (DSg). The Tropical Kingbird at Lake Merced was last seen March 12 (ASH, RMa). A Cassin's Kingbird was found along New Idria Road in San Benito Co. Feb. 27 (TAC). Seven Townsend's Solitaires were reported throughout the area during the period (mob), with four atop Mt. Helena March 13 (BDP). The Bendire's Thrasher near Lodi was last reported March 1, (AWi, DGY).

Livermore's wintering Chestnut-sided Warbler was last noted March 7 (KGH, PEG). The "Yellow" Palm Warbler was still being seen at Corte Madera through March 14 (BiL, GHg), and the Palm Warbler near the houseboats on Channel St. in San Francisco was last seen March 11 (JSL). The Black-and-white Warbler at Pescadero was noted Feb. 28 (SEF), and another in San Mateo Co. at San Gregorio Cr. was last seen Feb. 28 (RSTh).

A Swamp Sparrow was found along

San Gregorio Creek Feb. 27 (RSTh). Two White-throated Sparrows were at the San Francisco Zoo March 27 (JM). The Harris' Sparrow near the intersection of Cloverdale and Pescadero Roads was last noted Feb. 28 (SEF). Two Lapland Longspurs continued to be found along San Lorenzo Trail at Hayward Regional Shoreline through March 13 (RJR, AME). Some of the eight Lapland Longspurs at Spaletta Plateau March 26 were beginning to acquire breeding plumage (PhR). Red Crossbills were widely reported in moderate numbers throughout the region during the period (mob).

Observers: Mark Butler, Ted A. Chandik, Debby Cotter, Scott Dano, Elizabeth Dickey, Al M. Eisner, Carter L. Faust, Gary M. Fellers, George Finger (GFi), Shawneen E. Finnegan, Wilma Ghiorso, Brad Goodhart, Philip E. Gordon, Helen Green, Marguerite B. Gross, Rob Hayden (RHa), Kevin G. Hints, David A. Holway, Alan S. Hopkins, George Hugenberg (GHg), Tom Johnson (ToJ), Carol Kaiser, Bill Lenarz (BiL), Kay H. Loughman, John S. Luther, many observers (mob), John Mariani (JMa), Richard Mason (RMa). Gail McKiernan, Joseph Morlan, Scott Morrical, Gloria Mundt, Chuck O'Connor, Benjamin D. Parmeter, Point Reyes Bird Observatory (Farallon information from PRBO "Farallon Poop Sheet," February 29, 1988), Tim Poole, Lina J. Prairie, Kathy Purchase, Harold M. Reeve, David C. Rice, Jean Richmond, Richard J. Richmond, Mary Louise Rosegay, Phil Rostron (PhR), Steve Schaeffer (SSc), Kevin Sea (KSe), Debra L. Shearwater, Shearwater Journeys, Dan Singer (DSg), Rich Stallcup, Lynne E. Stenzel, Ron S. Thorn (RSTh), Anna Wilcox (AWi), David Wimpfheimer (DWm), David G. Yee.

Please report observations to North-

ern California Rare Bird Alert:
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—HELEN GREEN
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SURVIVE?

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President for Science presented a chilling picture of our future. Pete was talking about the warming of our world, its attendant rise in sea-level, and the change in climate overall. It is very possible that over the next 100 years our rich agricultural areas will become deserts. Deserts will become agricultural oasis. What will happen to us? And equally important, what will happen to our wildlife? In terms of managing for our wildlife, how will we do it? A piece of land we preserve now for a specific species may be useless to that species in the future. Our own San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) just had a study done on sea level rise in SF Bay over the next 50–100 years. Predictions vary, and some deny any rise at all, but the general consensus is that there will be a rise and it might be as great as 5–10 feet over 100 years. Think of our Bayshore, raise the high tide by 5 feet and you'll see the magnitude of our problem. One of the biggest problems will be the loss of our tidal wetlands. As the water rises many if not all of our tidal wetlands will become totally submerged (wetlands are by nature that area of the shoreline that is partially submerged by every tide, a 5 foot rise to them is simply tremendous). Naturally, if we lose our wetlands we lose all our wildlife associated with them—our waterfowl and shorebirds, our fisheries, basically almost all of our aquatic-related biota.

We all feel helpless faced with worldwide problems like ozone or

climate change. For most of us, all we can do in that arena is to write or call our Senators and Representatives (by the way, please write Senators Wilson and Cranston, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510, and ask them to insist on stronger restrictions on ozone-depleting Chlorofluorocarbons).

There is, however, something we can do on our own homefront. We can continue to struggle as strenuously as we can to protect our Bay's existing wetlands and, in particular, our seasonal wetlands. Our seasonal wetlands will, if the sealevel rise does occur, become our new tidal wetlands. This is so sadly a reality that recently the United States Fish and Wildlife Service denied a permit to a development project, planned for a seasonal wetland, because, in part, that seasonal wetland will be critical for the survival of several endangered wetland species as our existing tidal wetlands become submerged. This is a sad vindication for the several lawsuits our Chapter has been forced to initiate in order to protect some of our Bay's critical seasonal wetlands. These lawsuits, both against the Port of Oakland, and affective over 500 acres of seasonal wetlands are still going on. We lost a lower court decision on one of these suits, but are now appealing that decision and have every expectation of success. We are equally confident about our most recent action. The Army Corps of Engineers has indicated that it is ready to review its initial jurisdictional determination. (To review, the Port of Oakland wants to fill 100 acres of seasonal wetlands right next to Arrowhead Marsh—a nearly pristine marsh, home to the Endangered Clapper Rail. The Army Corps gave them the OK by refusing to declare the area a wetland, thereby depriving these wetlands their rightful protections found in the Clean Water Act. The EPA then overruled the Army Corps and said the

area did indeed contain seasonal wetlands and the Port must stop the filling and even remove the fill it had already put down. The Port sued the EPA and, to our amazement, the EPA backed down, despite overwhelming proof that these are indeed wetlands. And so we were forced to go to court to protect these wetlands. But as I said before, the Army is now indicating that it may wish to alter its previous decision. This is good, but not quite good enough. They may make a new determination and still reach the wrong decision. Hopefully we'll have news of this in the next issue of *The Gull*.

Whatever that decision, we still have to pay our lawyers for their time, as we do for the Appeal on our first lawsuit. Our Chapter has committed itself to over \$20,000 in legal costs over these two suits. Because of this we have been forced to ask you over and over again for money. And you have responded with a generosity that has been overwhelmingly gratifying. I truly believe that our chapter—and I mean each individual member such as yourself—contains some of the most dedicated, aware and concerned Audubon members in our nation.

My term as President ends next month. It has been truly an honor to hold that position and to represent such a wonderful, responsible membership. In a world so rapidly deteriorating, your willingness to respond to calls for help, and to respond so generously, is truly heartening.

So I hate to leave with one more appeal for help. And I won't! I'm really not asking you to sit right down and send GGAS a check. But please, as the months go by remember that GGAS is fighting for you and for our natural world. And that fight costs money. When you can, please help us out.

—ARTHUR FEINSTEIN

BACK YARD BIRDER

Lately I've experienced several close encounters of the feathered kind. Although not related, they illustrate why the study and enjoyment of birds is endlessly fascinating to so many of us.

A spring hike on Mt. Tamalpais must be one of life's greatest pleasures. Along with spectacular ocean views there are waterfalls, ferns and carpets of wildflowers, enhanced by intriguing bird sounds. Our group was intent upon spying the first Trillium of the day when we were diverted by a wee bird. A loud, rich song, notes rising and falling, which lasted several seconds seemed to erupt nearly underfoot. We all stopped to try to locate the talented songster. Suddenly he popped up from his hiding place onto a moss-covered log. From here he gave us a sound scolding, bobbing up and down all the while. So near that I couldn't use my binoculars, I crept forward to get a close-up of a Winter Wren. At 4" in length he's one of our tiniest songbirds, dark brown with an absurdly short tail, cocked in typical wren-like fashion. Winter Wrens are usually shy birds, creeping mouselike through brush heaps in woodsy areas. We had obviously disturbed a male who was guarding a nest. The male does the nest building under rotted logs or roots, often constructing 1 to 4" "dummy" nests. Whether this nest was occupied or not, we'll never know since the wren literally disappeared after his grand performance. That is, until the next group of hikers happens by!

Hearing a distress-type call in my yard alerted me to a young Varied Thrush dragging a wing as he hopped about. I hoped I could catch this vulnerable bird and take it to be mended. Little did I know how fast this

Robin-like bird could hop! My plan was to toss a T-shirt over it. HA! This bird could squeeze under the lowest shrubs where it remained very still until I attempted capture. It eluded me time after time, finally escaping under a fence. Since broken wings seldom mend correctly, it was no doubt hopping towards doom (and the neighbors' cats). Frustrating!

My third encounter involved meeting a Golden Eagle up close, but not very personally. This bird had been at UC Davis recovering from a broken wing. With their wingspan, eagles often fly into high wires or are sometimes shot. The wing hadn't healed properly so the bird was not releasable and was given to the Lindsay Museum.

A female Golden Eagle (larger than the male) is indeed awesome. It "stands" 3 feet or more and has a 6½ to 7½ foot wingspan. This is almost petite compared with the 9½' wingspan of our Condor or the Andean Condor's 10' spread! The beak definitely commands respect, as do the talons. It is hoped that this female can be hand-tamed and used at the museum as an educational tool. Can you imagine holding a bird of this size, weighing nearly 15 pounds? I didn't envy the people who were going to be attaching jesses to her legs! There is a ferocious look in an eagle's eye which leaves one breathless. A Golde Eagle demands and deserves respect.

—MEG PAULETICH

LETTER

For over twenty years our San Francisco garden and those of two adjacent neighbors have been ablaze in mid-March with blossoms on our Japanese Cherry trees. The blossoms arrive almost instantaneously with those in the Japanese Tea Garden in Golden Gate Park.

This year for the first and only time we have had not a single blossom. In February when the trees budded a horde of birds spent two days systematically picking off all the buds—reminding me of a locust plague.

Now a few raggedy leaves are trying to make an appearance, but they look rather "moth-eaten." I'm wondering if other readers of *The Gull* have ever heard or seen such a thing. Did the lack of rainfall having dried things cause the birds to turn to succulent buds and why this year?

—C.E. Coombs, Jr

COOPER ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Geoff Geupel of the Point Reyes Bird Observatory will be the next speaker for the Cooper Ornithological Society. His talk "Breeding Strategies and Reproductive Success of the Wrentit," will be at the Audubon Richardson Bay Sanctuary on Monday, May 16, at 8:00. The Sanctuary is at 376 Greenwood Beach Road, Tiburon.

Everyone interested in birds is welcome.

GOLDEN TROUT WORKSHOP

Brochures have been received at the GGAS office announcing the three one-week Golden Trout Workshops held in the Sierra. Our office Manager, Barbara Rivenes, has attended this camp and is very enthusiastic. It is sponsored by six southern California Audubon chapters. The camp is in the Golden Trout Wilderness at an altitude of 10,000 feet. For details call or write Cindi McKerman, 40 Sherril Lane, Redlands, CA 92373, (714) 793-7897 or ask Barbara.

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SEED SALE LOCATION—HELP!

Our semi-annual bird seed sales have benefitted both chapter activities and members alike. We provide a good quality seed to those who want it and chapter activities are funded through the profits from the sales. It is the kind of service that Audubon should provide.

However, the East Bay sale location has limitations and we are searching for an alternative site. Can any of you with a large garage or warehouse in a central East Bay location (preferably Berkeley, Emeryville or Albany) offer us TWO week-ends per year—one Fall and one Spring week-end? A covered, secured space is essential to organize the seed in advance of the sale. For those of you who itemize your tax deductions, use of space could be considered a donation to a charitable organization. Please call the office with any offers or ideas, 843-2222.

FREMONT BIRDING CLASS

Alice Hoch will lead a special 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. field trip Saturday, May 21, starting from the Fremont Adult School. The fee is \$15 and pre-registering is required. For details phone the school at 791-5841.

NEWS FROM THE RANCH

Audubon Canyon Ranch
Shoreline Highway, Stinson Beach (415) 868-9244
Wildlife Sanctuaries & Centers for Nature Education
Under Joint Sponsorship of Golden Gate, Madrone, Marin and Sequoia Audubon Societies
Rick Baird, Chairman

Now is the height of the season at the Bolinas Preserve's heronry. All kinds of nesting activity is on display from the mating of Great Egrets to the feeding of Great Blue Heron chicks. If you haven't been this year, go now!

Mothers Day is May 8 and so is the 33rd annual barbeque given by the Marin Audubon Society to benefit the ranch. This event is always a sell-out.

The second annual Significant Donors party is scheduled for May 14 at the Bolinas Preserve. This event is a special thank you to those who have contributed \$100 or more to ACR for the current year. There will be tours of both Picher and Volunteer canyons

followed by a Year-of-the Dragon luncheon. If you'd like to be invited next year think about making your significant donation to the ranch.

Joan Corbett, Scheduling Chairwoman of the Volunteer Council at the Bolinas Preserve, reports that more than 2500 students will visit the ranch this spring on school field trips. This year the schedule was fully booked by February first. About 94 classes of 4th, 5th and 6th graders with an occasional 3rd and 7th grade class from 64 schools are exploring the ponds and heronry with 83 trained and experienced docents. Most of these schools are from the East Bay (37), San Francisco (23) and Marin (23), with a few from Sonoma and the peninsula. The ranch has for several years helped financially to provide transportation to

schools who are unable to come to the ranch on their own.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, June 25 in Marin and Sunday June 26 in Sonoma the 13th annual Butterfly Counts will be held. Yes, people do count butterflies as part of an international event conducted under the auspices of the Xerces Society. Help to capture, identify and release these lovely creatures. A Get to Know the Critters night will be held Wednesday evening, June 22.

For more information and sign-ups call (415) 868-9244.

The last community hikes of the season at the Bouverie Preserve are scheduled for May 7 and 21. By reservation only, so call ahead (707) 938-4554.

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SIERRA FIELD CAMPUS SF STATE UNIVERSITY

June 6-10 and June 13-17 the Field Campus offerings are Behavior of Birds and Birds of the Northern Sierra. These courses carry optional transferrable credits. For information write the Field Campus, School of Science, 1600 Holloway Ave., San Francisco, CA 94132-9987 or phone (415) 338-1571.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating committee has reported its slate of nominees for officers and directors for GGAS for terms as indicated in the ballot below. Those elected will begin their terms of office June 1, 1988.

To vote you must use the ballot with the mailing label affixed to the back.

Under the by-laws, Arthur Feinstein, retiring president, will continue on the board of directors for one year in an at-large capacity.

BALLOT

President for a term of two years:

President	Tom White	<input type="checkbox"/>
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